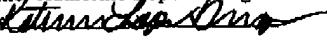


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In response to the Office Action dated 22 October 2003, having a three-month statutory period expiring 22 January 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4.

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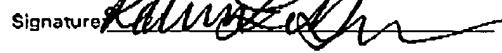
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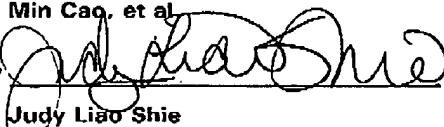
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